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1) The instant application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, the instant application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. It should be noted that 37 CFR 1.821 (a)(2)(c-d) states that each sequence disclosed must appear separately in the "Sequence listing" and in the text of the description and claims. See M.P.E.P 2431.

The instant specification recites nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences that contain more than 10 bases and/or four amino acid residues, yet does not identify the sequences by sequence identifiers or SEQ ID numbers as required. For example, the nucleic acid and amino acid sequences in Figure 1; the nucleic acid sequences recited in Figures 3 and 4; lines 1 and 3 of page 30; and on pages 59-62 of the specification must be identified by SEQ ID numbers. Submission of a substitute raw sequence listing (paper copy) and a computer readable form of the same and/or amendments to the specification are required.

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